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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – LAPD Chief Reports Weight Miscalculation Likely Led to Massive Fireworks Blast

(U) Los Angeles Police Chief Michel Moore issued an apology Monday for a fireworks explosion in a South LA neighborhood last month which injured 17 people and damaged several homes. He also revealed that bomb squad technicians likely miscalculated the weight of the explosives that were placed in the truck. The LAPD had discovered about 32,000-pounds of illegal fireworks at a nearby home and arrested a 27-year-old man who lived there. Moore said the illegal fireworks included about 200 M-80 style explosives. Ten-pounds of the illegal fireworks, which were deemed too dangerous to travel with, were placed in a specialized armored truck designed for controlled detonations. However, what was supposed to be a controlled detonation instead turned into a massive explosion. Ten LAPD officers, one ATF officer and six civilians were hurt. Moore said 13 businesses, 22 residential properties and 37 vehicles were either damaged or destroyed.

SOURCE: 19 July 2021, [CBS Los Angeles](#)

(U) Sacramento – California's COVID-19 Surge Would Land a Dozen or More Counties in Purple Tier

(U) New analysis from a Bay Area News Group mapped California's Delta COVID-19 surge and reported if California was still using its four-color reopening blueprint for ranking counties by infection rates, at least a dozen, including Los Angeles, Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano now would be in the most-restrictive purple tier, and many businesses would not be fully open. And that's using new metrics introduced in March that made it easier for counties with higher case rates to move into lower-restriction tiers once the state reached what it considered equitable vaccination rates. Using the state's original tier definitions, 29 counties, including San Francisco, now would be purple, which meant that the virus was widespread, a Bay Area News Group analysis found. According to the California Department of Public Health, the virus is spreading statewide at a 7-day average daily rate of 6.3 cases per 100,000 people among the unvaccinated, but at a rate of 1.1 per 100,000 people among the vaccinated. The department did not have those figures by county.

SOURCE: 20 July 2021, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – 105 Migrants Found Inside Semi-Truck in South Texas

(U) Laredo – State troopers found 105 migrants in the back of a semi-truck during a traffic stop in south Texas. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, troopers conducted a traffic stop on Monday in the border city of Laredo. The driver of the truck is now being investigated by the Department of Homeland Security.

SOURCE: 19 July 2021, [ABC 7](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Announces New Cybersecurity Requirements for Critical Pipeline Owners

(U) Washington DC – The Department of Homeland Security on Tuesday required owners and operators

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of critical pipelines that transport hazardous liquids and natural gas to implement "urgently needed protections against cyber intrusions." The security directive requires TSA-designated critical pipelines to take certain mitigation measures to protect against ransomware attacks and other known threats to information technology and operational technology systems, implement a cybersecurity contingency and recovery plan, and conduct a cybersecurity architecture design review, DHS said.

SOURCE: 20 July 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Proud Boy Leader Pleads Guilty to Two Misdemeanors

(U) Washington DC – The leader of the far-right Proud Boys pleaded guilty Monday to burning a Black Lives Matter banner taken from a historic Black church during a demonstration in December. Enrique Tarrio, 37, of Miami, was arrested on 3 January in Washington, DC, on a warrant stemming from the 12 December incident. The Proud Boys and other groups marched in a raucous pro-Trump rally through downtown Washington. The banner was stolen from the Asbury United Methodist Church, one of the oldest Black churches in the area. On top of the destruction of property charge, he also pleaded guilty to attempting to possess a high-capacity gun magazine, which is illegal in the city. Both charges are misdemeanors, punishable by up to six-months in jail. He will be sentenced next month.

SOURCE: 19 July 2021, [NBC News](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US States to Unveil \$26 Billion Opioid Settlement with Drug Distributors

(U) Washington DC – US state attorneys general are expected this week to unveil a \$26 billion settlement resolving claims that three major drug distributors and drugmaker Johnson & Johnson helped fuel a nationwide opioid epidemic. More than 40 states are expected to support the nationwide settlement. States will have 30 days to decide whether to join the global accord then more time to try to convince their cities and counties to participate in the deal, the sources said.

SOURCE: 20 July 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Florida – Man Receives Eight Months in Prison in First Felony Sentence from Capitol Riot

(U) Tampa – A Florida man who was seen carrying a large red "Trump 2020" flag on the floor of the US Senate during the Capitol riot received eight-months in prison Monday in the first felony sentence from the 6 January attack. Paul Allard Hodgkins, 38, of Tampa, was arrested on 16 February after the FBI received a tip identifying him among the hundreds of people seen in photos and videos inside the Capitol. He pleaded guilty in June to a single felony count of obstructing an official proceeding, which carries a maximum sentence of 20-years in prison.

SOURCE: 19 July 2021, [NBC News](#)

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(U) India – Terror Alert Issued Ahead of Independence Day

(U) New Delhi – An alert was issued to Delhi Police on Tuesday, raising a warning of major terror activity that May take place in the national capital with the help of drones. Terrorists and anti-social elements can execute this before 15 August on Independence Day. The terror warning was issued in light of the recent drone attack at the Indian Air force base at Srinagar airport, the first of its kind in the country. According to an ABP news report, a group of terrorists have been conspiring 'Operation Jihad' in the national capital. The Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) in Uttar Pradesh also recently arrested a total of five terrorists linked with al-Qa'ida from Lucknow and recovered suspicious material from the house they were hiding in. The ATS in Lucknow had received an intel report about a major terror strike plan.

SOURCE: 20 July 2021, [India.com](#)

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(U) Iraq – Suicide Attack in Crowded Market Kills at Least 35 People, Wounds Dozens

(U) Baghdad – A suicide bomber killed at least 35 people and wounded dozens in a crowded market in the Sadr City neighborhood of Baghdad on Monday, the eve of the Eid al-Adha festival, security and hospital sources said. More than 60 people were wounded, a police source said. The Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) claimed responsibility for the attack, the group's Nasheer news agency said on Telegram. It said one of its militants blew up his explosive vest among the crowds. Hospital sources said the death toll could rise as some of the wounded were in critical condition.

SOURCE: 20 July 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Somalia – Somali Forces Kill 35 Al-Shabaab Fighters

(U) Baadweyn – Somali National Army (SNA) backed by Galmudug's regional paramilitary forces on Monday killed 35 al-Shabaab militants in an area near Baadweyn town in Mudug region, central Somalia. An SNA infantry commander reported forces recovered weapons, noting that those killed included senior militants in Monday's ongoing operation. He said that the joint forces liberated several areas in Mudug and Galgudud regions which were under al-Shabaab militants.

SOURCE: 19 July 2021, [Xinhua News](#)

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